GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ACTIVITIES OF BURMESE IN A & N ISLANDS
WANGCHA RAJKUMAR

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that in 1995, 35 Burmese (Arakanis) were arrested by the Indian Navy and kept in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) whether the Government are also aware that these detainees are wandering in the Islands and creating nuisance in public places and their conduct may ultimately result into the security problems; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government for their early deportation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)& (b): No, Sir. However, in a tri-service operation conducted on 10th February, 1998 by the Indian Armed Forces, 73 foreigners, including Myanmarese nationals, were apprehended near Landfall Island of Andaman and Nicobar Group of Islands and a criminal case was registered against them. 37 of these foreign nationals, who were later discharged by the Court, were subsequently repatriated to the countries of their origin. The remaining 36 apprehended persons were also released by the Court on bail. However, their movement has been restricted as per the provisions contained in the Foreigners Act, 1946.

(c): The investigation into the case is in progress and their deportation depends on completion of the investigation and the outcome of the judicial proceedings, if any, launched against them.